US EPA TOXCAST DATA RELEASE DECEMBER 2014 - Database & R Package

This file describes the contents of the December 2014 ToxCast data release. The database/R package contents of the download contain the following files:

- [1] "MySQL Database v1.zip" (Download MySQL Database Zip File)
- [2] "Pipeline Overview.pdf" (ToxCast Data Pipeline Overview)
- [3] "tcpl 0.3.tar.gz" (Download R Package Zip File)

To utilize the database, the user must have write access to a MySQL server, allowing them to install the database contained in the "MySQL_Database_v1.zip" file. The "MySQL_Database_v1.zip" is a zipped sql file containing the invitrodb_v1 database. To avoid errors while calling large queries we recommend the MySQL server setting, 'max_allowed_packet', is set to at least 1 GB.

The "tcpl_0.3.tar.gz" file is the beta version of the R package used to process all of the data in this release. The package can be installed using the following R command:

install.packages("tcpl 0.3.tar.gz", type = "source", repos = NULL)

To install the package on Windows the user will first need to properly install R tools, enabling R to compile the source package. The package relies on R (>= 3.1.0), and the following packages: data.table (>=1.9.4), DBI, RSQLite, MASS, numDeriv, RColorBrewer. To interact with the MySQL database, the user also needs the "RMySQL" package. The "RMySQL" package requires a local MySQL server, although it does not require the server to be running. More information about installing RMySQL on Windows can be found online.

The "Pipeline_Overview.pdf" file is the R package vignette, detailing the processing, and showing some examples of how to use the package. The vignette also includes an appendix listing the database field names.

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